

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 59

OTTER TAIL PRAIRIE SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, certain lands in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, described as:

The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township One Hundred Thirty-one North (131N), Range Forty-four West (44 W).

are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain a mesic blacksoil prairie community as well as the following rare, endangered or threatened plant or animal species: northern gentian (Gentiana affinis), greater prairie chicken (Tympanuchus cupido), upland sandpiper (Bartramia longicauda) and marbled godwit (Limosa fedoa); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, and other applicable law, do hereby designate the above-described lands as Otter Tail Prairie Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Otter Tail Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit,


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open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Minn. Rules pts. 6135.4500 through 6135.5000 shall apply to the above-designated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 16 day of Nov, 1989.

  
JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

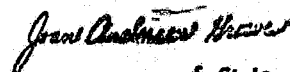
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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